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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/856,178	UESHIMA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jason Skaarup	3714	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to February 24, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-9 and 11-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>2/24/2005</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this amendment was given by Mr. Murat Ozgu via telephone on March 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 15, lines 2-4, "further comprising: a fish line having a first end connected to said casting rod; and a casting switch means for indicating casting when said fish line is drawn," has been deleted and -- wherein -- has been substituted therefore.

In claim 15, line 5, "being" has been deleted and -- is -- has been substituted therefore.

In claim 18, line 3, following "casting switch" -- means -- has been added.

In claim 19, line 5, "being" has been deleted and -- is -- has been substituted therefore.

In claim 22, line 3, following "casting switch" -- means -- has been added.

In claim 24, line 14, "real" has been deleted and -- reel -- has been substituted therefore.

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art, including Japanese Publication JP 2000-225269 to Sugano et al., teaches a fishing game apparatus that comprises a casting rod capable of being swung in a direction by a game player in casting; a fish line having a first end thereof connected to said casting rod; and a casting button for indicating casting. The casting button does not indicate casting when the fish line is drawn.

Thus, the cited prior art does not teach a fishing game apparatus for displaying on a television monitor a game screen of a fishing game, wherein the fishing game apparatus comprises a casting rod capable of being swung in a direction by a game player in casting; a fish line having a first end thereof connected to said casting rod; and a casting switch means for indicating casting when said fish line is drawn as recited in independent claims 1, 7, 23 and 24. The Examiner has interpreted independent claims 1, 7, 23 and 24 under U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph.

Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-24 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Jason Skaarup whose telephone number is 571-272-4455. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (9:00-7:00).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Primary, Jessica Harrison can be reached on 571-272-4449. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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JESSICA HARRISON
PRIMARY EXAMINER